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The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI :—" I have already said in reply to questions the other day that the Government had not yet had the opportunity of consulting the Advocate-General. My own opinion is that there is a difference between a public place and a coffee hotel."

Mr. YAKUB HASAN :—" Is there any case of the Harijans entering a coffee-hotel and causing any disturbance on that account?"

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI :—" I have no information."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR :—" Are the Government aware that one municipal council passed a resolution that one of the conditions for the issue of a licence to coffee-hotels is that there should be no prohibition against the Adi-Dravidas and Panchamas entering them?"

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI :—" I have no infomation."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether the bye-law has been extended to European clubs also?" (Laughter).

Protest against the rescission of the resolution of the Salem Municipal Council re: admission of untouchables in coffee clubs.

* 104 *Q.*—Mr. M. DEVADASAN : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether any protests have been received by the Government against their order suspending the resolution of the Salem Municipal Council advocating the admission of the so-called untouchables in sweetmeat shops and coffee clubs and if so, what was done thereupon by the Government?

A.—The only protest received is that from the Salem Municipal Council itself. It is under consideration.

Mr. M. DEVADASAN :—" May I know whether Government are justified in passing an order of this kind without consulting the wishes of the people?"

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI :—" As already stated in answer to a previous question, the Government thought it desirable on the information available."

Mr. M. DEVADASAN :—" By passing an order of this kind, do they not encourage caste people to oppress the depressed classes?"

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI :—" The Government have absolutely no such intention."

Rao Sahib V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI :—" With reference to the answer given to the question, will the Government be pleased to place on the table of the House the result of their consideration?"

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI :—" Yes, Sir."